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Subject: RE: Hoosick Falls PFOA contam.

I had a conversation with DOH. They will be sending me the field data that they have very shortly (today), I will review and share later. Below is an update of the main focus of the meeting that was held last week between Saint Gobain, the Hoosick Village, and NYSDOH. No attorney were present at this technical meeting.

- The facility is currently working with the village on a mitigation plan for the Public Water Supply (PWS) and the private wells. Currently, the facility has committed to install a portable GAC treatment system at the PWS until a permanent system becomes ready. The facility also agreed to provide bottled water to village residents, but the question remains how to distribute and to how many.
- The facility will be meeting with the village and NYSDOH on November 10 where the facility will present their findings and discuss the next steps forward.
- There is a high school in the area that uses an on-site well, and this well is considered a PWS as it supplies water to the whole school.
- The facility has the private well data collected by NYSDOH. The facility is planning to address private wells, but the question remains regarding the investigation boundary.
- The village mayor indicated that a community group brought a law suit against the facility early last week. *The law suit may impede on the facility progress/cooperation and State may want to intervene and facilitate, given that the facility is cooperating and the law suit seems to be premature at this time.*

Regarding the NYSDOH 50,000 ppt limit for Unspecified Organic Compounds, NYSDOH now agrees that actions need to be taken to reduce public exposure to PFOA given the EPA public health advisory and the NJSDEP screening level for PFOA.

Regarding groundwater flow in the area, the facility has some data on the groundwater flow adjacent to their facility located on McCaffrey. The groundwater in that area flows in the southerly direction making the PWS downgradient.

I have also asked NYSDOH if they have a private well inventory, and they indicated that they are in the process of gathering such information.

That's all folks..... for now!!!

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